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One of two Proof Liberty Seated Dollars from
The Old Chelsea 'Registered Set' Collection
as announced on page 15
1863 $1 PR45 PCGS

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President's Message

As usual, our attention at this time of year is aimed squarely at the upcoming ANA World's Fair of Money, which takes place August 19 – 23 in Oklahoma City at the Oklahoma City Convention Center.

This issue of the E-Gobrecht, compiled by Paul Kluth, includes several ANA preview notes, and we hope to see you there!

...Len Augsburger

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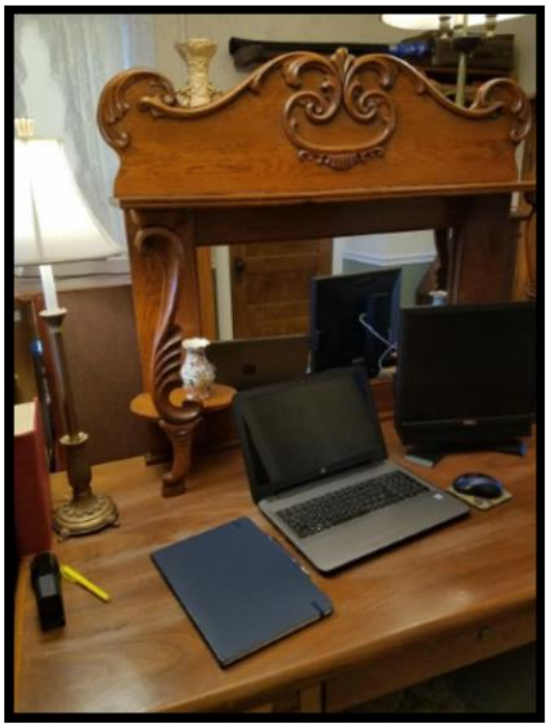


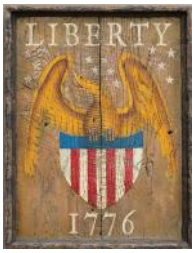
'Calm' before the ANA Convention in Oklahoma City… Are you headed there for all the annual events that take place in August at the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money? Of course, this includes the Annual Meetings of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club and Barber Coin Collectors Society, not to mention all the other specialty clubs around the country convening all in one place once each summer.

The new Convention Center in Oklahoma City is supposedly a fantastic new venue for the ANA!

'Calm' before the Nation's 250th Celebration of Independence in 2026, the big Semiquincentennial (pronounced "Semi-Quin-Centennial". Now that is easier to say!

As the nation is just starting to prepare, so are most States and Local Municipalities beginning to ramp up their planned activities to celebrate the event. Everyone should check out the website presence being created in their states and counties led by various historical organizations. See how you might be able to participate with family and friends in your community?

It wouldn't be a surprise to see the U.S. Mint or Bureau of Printing & Engraving making special announcements about their plans during the Convention??? There certainly will be commemorative coinage and medals in the pipeline and under the design planning stages for 2026.



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Thursday, August 21 at 9:00 to 10:30 am
at the Oklahoma City Convention Center, OK

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BCCS Club Meetings, Club Table and Educational Programs are held at most of the LSCC coin show events, and their table is usually next to the LSCC Table for your convenience.

Specialty Club Annual Meetings Schedule

ANA Summer Convention (August 19-23, 2025)
Oklahoma City Convention Center, OK

(Updated 6/26/2025, but also check ANA or Club websites for changes)

Wednesday - August 20

John Reich Collectors Society (JRCS) (Bust series collectors), 8:30–10 am, Room 106

*** Barber Coin Collectors Society (BCCS), 9-10 am, Room 105**

Token and Medal Society (TAMS), 1-3 pm, Room 106

Bust Quarter Collectors Society, 2-4 pm, Room 204

Thursday - August 21

***Liberty Seated Collectors Club (LSCC), 9-10:30 am, Room 204**

Society of Paper Money Collectors, 8-10 am, Room 205AB

Civil War Token Society (CWTS), 2-3 pm, Room 106

Bust Half Nut Club, 2-4 pm, Room 105

Friday - August 22

Early American Coppers Regional (EAC), 9-10 am, Room 204

Numismatic Bibliomania Society (NBS), 11:30 am - 1 pm, Room 203

Fly-In Club (Flying Eagle & Indian Head Cent collectors), 1:30-~3 pm, Room TBD

Colonial Coin Collectors Club (C4), 2-4 pm, Room 204

Saturday - August 23

Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America (CONECA), 12-1 pm, Room 106

All Meetings are OPEN to all convention attendees and collectors are always encouraged to meet others who share their collecting interests!

Warning – Counterfeits on Ebay

by Dick Osburn, LSCC #717

Important Announcement:

As part of trying to keep up with Liberty Seated Dollar die marriages and looking at examples of the two dates of Seated Halves that I still study, I'm constantly looking at coins on Ebay. Recently, I've run into large numbers of obvious counterfeits, and some that may not be so obvious.

Recently a quick pass through the Ebay listings of Seated Halves revealed more than 20 dates that were obvious counterfeits. These included all the CC's and a few tougher dates like 1850 and 1852. They were offered for direct sales (not auction) at $10 - $40. Conditions appeared to be in the VF-AU grade range, with looks that appeared cleaned. Most would not fool an experienced collector, but there were a few exceptions. The coin pictured at the top of this article is one of those. I've ordered this coin, but don't have it in hand yet, so I can't yet comment on how good it is or if the coin pictured is the one I'll get; but the dies were clearly created from a genuine coin (1843 WB-15) so it differs from most of the others seen.

In a similar pass through the Ebay listings of Seated Dollars, I found more than a dozen dates that were obvious counterfeits. These included all the CC's. I purchased an 1873-CC dollar that's in borderline mint state condition. It cost me $39. A genuine example would exceed six figures. I'm sure there are fakes out there for other series. I've seen trade dollars and bust halves. I haven't done

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any detailed reviews of the coins that are listed for anything except Seated Halves and Seated Dollars.

I've reported these counterfeits to Ebay on several occasions. On each report, I got a reply back within 12 hours that they looked at the listing and found no issues. Clearly, they don't care and would rather have the income from the sales than enforce their own rules.

I have about 20 coins on order. They take a while to get here because they're shipped from China. When I have them all in hand, I plan to take them to the U.S. Secret Service to see what they can do to shut down the Ebay sales. I don't have a lot of hope for that happening. I'm sure they've got a lot of bigger fish to fry. The consultation with the Secret Service probably won't happen until September. Meanwhile I'll have all the coins I've received at the Liberty Seated Collector's Club table at the ANA in Oklahoma City. I'll be glad to share them with anyone who's interested. I'm also working on a much more detailed article for an upcoming Gobrecht Journal. It will include pictures of many of the counterfeits that I've ordered and more information on how to detect them. For right now just remember that if the price seems unreasonably low, the coin is probably bogus.

Photo Credits: Obverse and reverse full photos: 1843 half – from the Ebay listing. Priced at $39.99 each, with more than 10 available.

My contact information: Dick Osburn, 713-875-5860, dickosburn@comcast.net.

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Announcement about the new Trade Dollar Book:

From August 15-30, 2025, the pricing for the new Trade Dollar Book has been reduced by about 10% to coincide with the ANA Convention. Lulu just increased costs but ~5%, so this offer will more than offset the price increase for those who might want to buy it during this promotional period. Just wanted to share with the Gobrecht Journal folks!

Best, Joe Kirchgessner, author

Special Announcement: The Fourth Annual Gathering of the Seated Half Society (SHS) will be held immediately following the Annual LSCC meeting at the ANA in Oklahoma City on August 21.

If you wish to become a member of SHS, the ANA convention is an excellent opportunity to bring your collection and qualify.

For more information, Contact Dennis Fortier, SHS President at: ricajun@msn.com

The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

ANA Preview

Collectors will converge at the Oklahoma City Convention Center for this year's ANA convention, August 19-23. The LSCC club table is #1626, which will be to the far right as you enter the hall. Our exhibition theme, in keeping with the (somewhat) western locale of Oklahoma City, is Carson City and San Francisco coinage. If you have a few pieces to exhibit, feel free to bring them along for display in one of the table cases. We encourage you to stop by the Club table to meet other members and enjoy a bit of "coin chat."

Now that the ANA auctions have moved to the week following the convention, lot viewing has been become less rushed. Heritage (room 208AB) and Stack's Bowers (room 209AB) will be set up for the duration. Lot viewing serves as an exercise to calibrate your eye with the grading services – I strongly encourage everyone to spend a least a couple hours doing this. Even if you don't find a coin for your collection, you will be a more educated collector. A bit of advice – don't try to figure out every single coin – that is a fool's errand. The key is

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to get a feel for the "weight" of the evidence by looking at a lot of coins in a short period of time. Remember, even the best graders do not always agree with each other. The trick is to get your batting average as high as possible.

Two coins prominently featured in the LSCC New Orleans class at the ANA Summer Seminar will be on the show floor. Great Collections is exhibiting the 1844-O proof $5 and $10 gold pieces from the Elite Collection (table #901). The Elite collector (who is unknown to me, so please don't ask!) is forming a collection of the Top-100 U.S. coins (as defined by Whitman's 100 Greatest United States Coins) and has posted quite a few pieces on the PCGS U.S. Coin Forum. We appreciate this collector publicly sharing the collection – the cost to safely move such coins around is not trivial. In the same vein, selections from the Tyrant Collection, including an Ultra High Relief $20, will be on display in the ANA exhibit area. The Tyrant collector has regularly displayed portions of his collection and also made available a series of books documenting the collection (see **https://www.thetyrantcollection.com/shop/**).

On Wednesday at 3:15pm, LSCC member Russ Bega will be presenting on the topic of "The Art of American Coinage: Reflecting Values from 1792 to Today". This takes place in room 201 as part of the Maynard Sundman / Littleton Coin Company Lecture Series. Russ is on the "front lines" of the coin trade, doing public retail business at Harlan Berk Rare Coins in downtown Chicago. The man is full of stories, and this should be an engaging presentation.

The LSCC Annual meeting will take place at 9AM on Thursday, August 21, in room 204. In addition to operational reports from the Club officers, Greg Bennick will be speaking on counterstamped Liberty Seated coins. We will also present our Annual Literary and Service Awards. I'm pleased to announce there will be an LSCC Hall of Fame entrant this year, who will be announced at this meeting. This award recognizes service to the promotion of Liberty Seated coinage as a researcher, collector, dealer, or organizer. Hope to see you there!

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Liberty Seated Dollars – A Register of Die Varieties

By Dick Osburn and Brian Cushing

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The mostly new Oklahoma City Convention Center facing S. Robinson Avenue.
Just to the left of the 3 large buildings on right is the tall Parking Garage on S. Broadway.
(See the Club details in Ken's Otto's Report on page 16.)

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Important Announcement

Important U.S. Coins Go Missing while in custody of the U.S. Post Office enroute from New England to Fresno, CA June 2025.

Please Report any information to: Numismatic Crime Information Center (NCIC) (817)-723-7231

Coins (4) were in PCGS holders with ID numbers as shown below (3 were CAC).

1859-S PCGS AU55 10C #3523603

1861-S PCGS MS62 CAC 10C #60159874

1863-S PCGS MS63 CAC 10C #30032523 (ex-Bender)

1865-S PCGS MS63 CAC 10C #4580332 (ex- Eliasberg)

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Important Announcement (continued)

Again, please report any information to:
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Announcement about Liberty Seated Dollars from Old Chelsea Collection:

As you may know, Heritage Auctions auctioned William Luebke's Old Chelsea Coin Collection several months ago. You also may have realized at that time, that two coins from his collection were missing from the auction. It had come to our attention that these two coins may have been misattributed. They were subsequently sent to PCGS to make sure they were correctly graded and certified. These two coins (1862 and 1863 Liberty Seated dollars) have now been returned and they are to be soon auctioned by Heritage Auctions.

They will be in Auction #132532, July 30 - August 6, 2025

Proof Liberty Seated Dollars:

1862 $1 PR45 PCGS. PCGS Population: (1/210 and 0/4+). Mintage 550. (PCGS# 7005)

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1863 $1 PR45 PCGS. PCGS Population: (1/217 and 0/5+). Mintage 460. (PCGS# 7006)

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Pictures have been posted. Judy Tobias, Bill's sister.

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Regional News

by Ken Otto, Regional Team Director, LSCC #2674

The ANA's World Fair of Money in Oklahoma City Is Almost Here

The rare coin industry, including dealers, collectors and other interested parties, will gather in Oklahoma City at the ANA World's Fair of Money in mid-August. In addition, several important Regional coin shows will occur over the next few months and the LSCC will be represented at many of these events.

The LSCC Regional team will participate in the **ANA World's Fair of Money (Summer ANA Convention) to be held August 19-23 at the Oklahoma City Convention Center, 100 Mick Cornett Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73109**. **[Note: the main front entrance is on S. Robinson Avenue, but the Convention Center Parking Garage is on S. Broadway]**. This is a major coin show and the LSCC Regional team will be there in force. We will conduct the **Annual Club Meeting at this show on Thursday - August 21 from 9:00 -10:30 am in Room 204**. Generally, there are important updates and annual reports from the Officers about the Club, an Awards Ceremony, an Educational Presentation (to be announced), and a scheduled Club Dinner for all you wish to attend. The Club presentation tables (combined LSCC/BCCS) will be hosted by Dennis Fortier, Greg Johnson, Ken Otto, Dick Osburn, Jeff Pritchard and other for the LSCC. John Frost, Joe Casazza, Tim Glue, Craig Eberhart, John Lundsten and others will be there too for the BCCS. *(See images on page 12.)*

The Fourth Annual Gathering of the **Seated Half Society (SHS)** will be held immediately following the Annual LSCC meeting above. See Announcement on page 8.

Over the past several years, the Regional LSCC team has participated in the Central Ohio Numismatic Association's (CONA) annual coin show which is held in Dublin, OH during late August/early September. Unfortunately, we will miss this show this year due to schedule conflicts, but we plan to return to the show in 2026.

The LSCC Regional team plans to participate in the North Carolina Numismatic Association (NCNA) Coin Show to be held October 3-5 at the Cabarrus Arena & Events Center, 4751 Hwy 49 North, Concord, NC 28205. John Lundsten, Ken Otto and possibly others will host the Club table.

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Regional News cont.

The LSCC team plans to participate in the Denver Coin Expo to be held October 8-11 at the National Western Complex , 4655 Humbolt Street, Denver, CO 80216. Keith Poole and Ken Otto will host the Club table.

The LSCC Regional team plans to participate in the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN) Fall Coin Show to be held October 16-18 at the Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146. John Frost and Greg Johnson will host the Club table.

The LSCC team plans to participate in the New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo to be held October 23-25 at the Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101. Joe Casazza and John Frost will host the Club table.

The LSCC Regional team plans to participate in the South Carolina Numismatic Association Show to be held October 31 - November 2 at the Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC 29607. John Lundsten and others will host the Club table.

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The LSCC Regional team participated in the Missouri Numismatic Association Show which was held July 17-19 at the St. Charles Convention Center, 1 Convention Plaza, St. Charles, MO 63303. The Club table was hosted by Ed Terneus and Micah Uptegrove.

The LSCC Regional team also participated in the Bay State Coin Show which was held July 25-26 at the Best Western Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA 01752. The Club table was hosted by Joe Casazza and John Frost. The show overall was very good and many LSCC members as well as other interested collectors stopped by the table during the show. Joe conferred with a YN in the shown photo.

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Regional News cont.

At the recent Manchester Show, Joe Casazza is shown pointing out interesting coins to an attendee in the photo below.

The LSCC team also participated in the Cincinnati Numismatic Expo which was held July 25-26 at the Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, Cincinnati, OH 45246. Dennis Fortier and Ken Otto were the hosts of the Club table. The show was very well organized and attended. Many other collectors and YNs also visited the Club table during the show. One former LSCC member renewed his membership.

Dennis Fortier's collection of Carson City and San Francisco Liberty Seated Half Dollars was displayed at the Club table in Cincinnati as seen at the right.

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LSCC 2025 Regional Events Calendar ***

August 19-23 ANA World's Fair of Money (Summer ANA Annual Convention), (New Location) Oklahoma City Convention Center, 100 Mick Cornett Drive, Oklahoma City, OK [Note: main front entrance is on S. Robinson Avenue] - Annual Club Meeting & Awards Ceremony on Thursday, August 21st at 9:00- 10:30 am in room 204) with an Educational Presentation on "Counterstamped Liberty Seated Coins", a Club Dinner, LSCC/BCCS combined Club tables on the main bourse/ exhibit floor, hosted by LSCC Officers and Members including Len Augsburger, Craig Eberhart, Ken Otto, John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Jeff Pritchard, John Lundsten, Joe Casazza, and so many others.

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October 3-5 North Carolina Numismatic Association (NCNA Coin Show, Cabarrus Arean & Events Center, Concord, NC - Club table hosted by John Lunsten, Ken Otto and others.

October 8-11 Denver Coin Expo, National Western Complex, Denver, CO - Club table hosted by Keith Poole and Ken Otto.

October 16-18 Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN) Fall Coin Show, Monroeville Convention Center, Monroeville (Pittsburgh), PA - Club table hosted by Greg Johnson and John Frost.

October 23-25 New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo, Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, Manchester, NH - Club table hosted by Joe Casazza and John Frost.

***** More event details and addresses of show locations are in Ken Otto's Regional Report starting on page 16. Also see either or both the LSCC/BCCS websites for information and any late changes.**

Just knock, you are always Welcome!

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